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ground. You might think, you know, wait a second, if we just wait long enough,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...we will find a middle ground. Did I hear something from the Chair?

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you very much.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Yeah, I'm sorry.

SENATOR LANDIS: In the last banking war we had where we were going to just use time to solve and heal the problem, we went from 1971 to 1981 with no law but every year a big fight, till 1981 when the bill finally passed 25 to 24. That's what we got for waiting. The Legislature didn't get to save controversy. The Legislature didn't get to save an issue. The way that you settle issues is to negotiate, by the way, and that, although I am open to an offer, it seems to me, I haven't gotten one. So I am going to go back to first principle, statewide branching. It's good for small town banks. They came in and told us they wanted it. The Independent Bankers Association is in favor of this bill. It's a principle that's worked in 48 other states. All of our neighboring states have it and their farms continue to get loans.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR LANDIS: While we have...thank you. I'll renew my light and answer your questions and we'll take up this issue. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Landis. There are amendments to the bill. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, the first amendment to the bill, Senator Tyson, AM2555. (Legislative Journal page 498.)